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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROJECT NO. 531 - UPGRADE INLET STRUCTURE  
AMENDMENT TO EASEMENT  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and instruct the Chairman of the Board to sign the Amendment to Easement between the Union Pacific Railroad Company and the County of Los Angeles which grants permission to the County for the purpose of constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, and operating the existing structure.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Public Works, on behalf of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, proposes to upgrade the existing inlet structure adjacent to existing Union Pacific Railroad tracks at Painter Avenue in the City of Whittier. The upgrade work will enhance operations of the existing inlet to a storm drain and alleviate flooding throughout the project area. The existing easement in which the inlet structure is located must be enlarged to allow sufficient area to upgrade the inlet structure.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by alleviating flooding and enhancing pedestrian and vehicular safety throughout the project area.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has agreed to amend the easement document at no cost to the County. The total construction cost of the proposed project is currently estimated at \$25,872 and is included in the 2002-03 Flood Control District Budget.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The Amendment to Easement has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2 (c) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Class 2, Subsection (b), of the Environmental Reporting Procedures adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Subsequent to amendment of the easement agreement, construction of the subject inlet structure will be advertised for competitive construction bids upon approval by your Board at a later date.

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**CONCLUSION**

Enclosed are one original and two duplicates of the Amendment of Easement document. Please have the Chairman sign the original and duplicates and have them acknowledged by the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors. Please return the executed original and one duplicate to this office for further processing, retaining one duplicate for your files.

One approved copy of this letter is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel